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Dear Ollie:

File contents of this letter in the back of your mind under the category "Bureaucratic Wars - Defense Action". When [ ] was in Miami last week [ ]

he met with Calero. Calero told him that Ambassador Deumling had told him that the reason humanitarian aid disbursements had been delayed for so long was because of my opposition. I don't know exactly what Deumling said but the thrust of his remark clearly was to shift the blame onto my shoulders. Vince told him that that was a bunch of hogwash and Calero appeared to accept Vince's statement. L B.

Given the sensitivity of this issue, however, and the fact that Calero's entire future hangs on it, I would not be surprised if Deumling's remark left some lingering concern in his mind. If that be the case, it is not unlikely that he, Calero, might surface the matter in Washington at some time. As you well know, my only concern has been to assure that the program is not torpedoed because we fail to take into account the Honduran need for confidentiality and deniability. Such concerns, however, did not delay the program. It was delayed for other reasons. Failure by Deumling's office to fully understand those concerns, however, nearly did torpedo the program.

If Deumling's allegations are raised by Calero at some point in Washington, I hope that you will protect my flanks.

With warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

  
John A. Ferch  
Ambassador

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Exhibit A

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